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PERIL AT PARKER INDUSTRIES!

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YEARS AGO, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ***PETER PARKER*** WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER AND GAINED THE SPEED, AGILITY, AND PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF A SPIDER AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS AND A SPIDER-SENSE THAT WARNED HIM OF IMMINENT DANGER. AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

WHEN A MURDEROUS FAMILY OF INTERDIMENSIONAL CREATURES CALLED ***THE INHERITORS*** BEGAN HUNTING AND FEASTING ON THE LIFEFORCES OF SPIDER-PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE, IT FELL TO PETER PARKER, ***THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN,*** TO LEAD HIS FELLOW SPIDER-MEN AND WOMEN TO VICTORY. ONE INHERITOR LEECHED SOME OF SPIDER-MAN'S LIFEFORCE AND, AS A RESULT, PETER NOW FEELS ESPECIALLY EXHAUSTED.

HOWEVER, PETER'S SPIRITS COULDN'T BE HIGHER. AFTER LITERALLY LEADING AN ARMY AGAINST CERTAIN DOOM, HE'S SURE HE CAN LEAD HIS COMPANY, ***PARKER INDUSTRIES,*** TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.

THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT PART ONE: ***THE LATE, LATE MR. PARKER***

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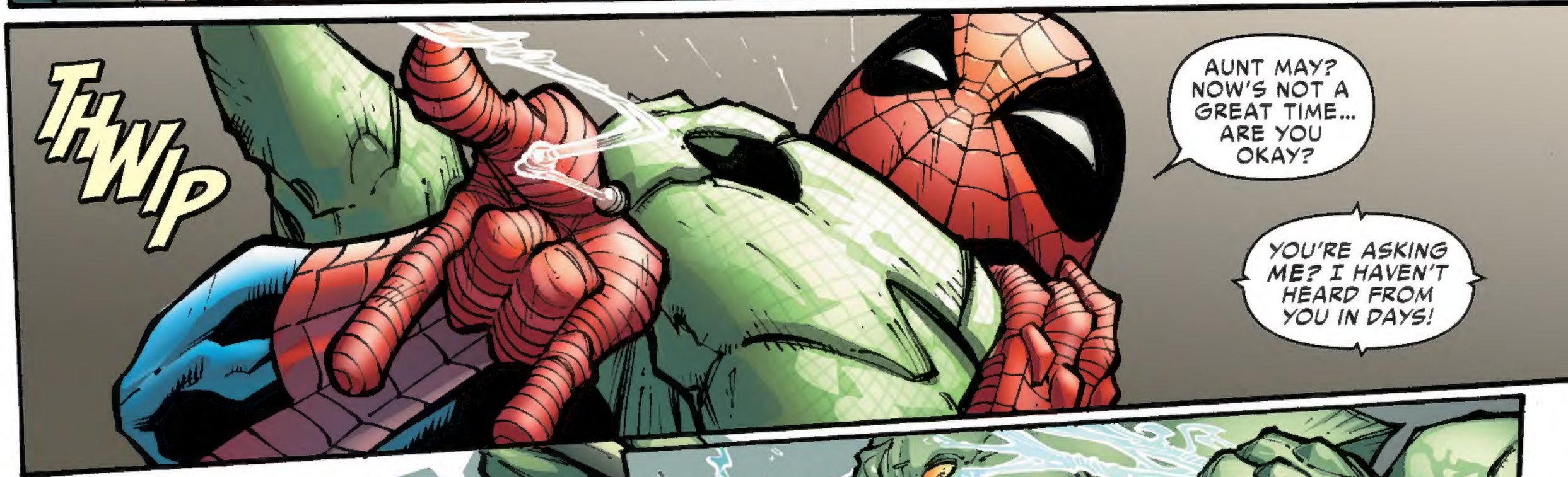
THE CENTRAL PARK ZOO.
REPTILE HOUSE.
KILL HIM, MY BROTHERS! LET SPIDER-MAN'S DEATH BE THE BLOOD SACRIFICE THAT HERALDS OUR NEW AGE OF REPTILES!
HSSSSS
I THINK YOUR "BROTHERS" JUST WANT A NAP, IGUANA. YOU COULD USE ONE TOO, MR. CRANKY-PANTS.
OH, AND YOUR HYPNOTIC STARE? NOT GONNA WORK. SPECIAL LENSES IN MY MASK. WE MAMMALS DIDN'T INHERIT THE EARTH JUST BY BEING BETTER LOOKING.
ALTHOUGH YOUR TEAM DID SET THE BAR PRETTY LOW...

JUST AS WELL. I MUCH PREFER--
GNH!
--PREY THAT STRUGGLES.
BRAKEHH
SHOULD'VE DODGED THAT EASILY. I'M A MESS. SLOWER, WEAKER...
FIGHTING MORLUN TOOK A LOT OUT OF ME--LITERALLY. AND THE DRUGSTORE DOESN'T HAVE OVER-THE-COUNTER REMEDIES FOR DRAINED LIFE FORCE.

PLUS, I'VE BEEN GONE LONG ENOUGH THAT EVERYTHING I'VE NEGLECTED IN MY PERSONAL LIFE...
...IS READY TO COME CRASHING DOWN ON ME.
INCOMING CALL. MAY PARKER.
CASE IN POINT.


THWIP
AUNT MAY? NOW'S NOT A GREAT TIME... ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE ASKING ME? I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN DAYS!

FWAP
YOU AND ANNA MARIA ARE STILL COMING FOR DINNER THIS WEEKEND?
OY...SHE THINKS ANNA AND I ARE STILL DATING.
DIE!!
THIS COULD GET UNCOMFORTABLE.
HSSAAHH!

UH...OF COURSE WE'LL BE THERE! LISTEN, AUNT MAY, UM, ABOUT ANNA MARIA AND ME...
FORTY THOUSAND FROM MR. JAMESON! DO I HEAR FIFTY?
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MAY!
PINKERTON AUCTION HOUSE.
LEAVE PETER ALONE. HE'S GOT HIS BIG PRESENTATION TODAY!
OH MY GOODNESS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING.
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ONE HUNDRED.
I'M SORRY, DEAR. I KNOW HOW MUCH THIS DEAL MEANS TO YOUR COMPANY... AND US!
SO CONSIDER THIS A PEP TALK FROM YOUR TOP SHAREHOLDERS. BREAK A LEG!
THANKS. GOTTA GO, I'M GETTING A BEEP...
INCOMING CALL: ANNA MARIA MARCONI.
WAIT. ARE YOU ON THE PHONE?!
THIS! THIS IS WHY HOMO SAPIENS MUST BE EXTERMINATED! NO MANNERS!

PETER? WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU? DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

BELIEVE ME, ANNA MARIA...

...I'M PAINFULLY AWARE.

KRANG!

YOU CAN'T KEEP BAILING LIKE THIS! THE COMMITTEE'S GOING TO WANT TO MEET THE "PARKER" IN PARKER INDUSTRIES!

YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN GONE FOR DAYS! YOU MISSED ALL THE PREP!

I TOLD YOU! I WAS HOPPING FROM ONE DIMENSION TO ANOTHER, FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE!

IS THAT PETE? GIVE ME THAT.

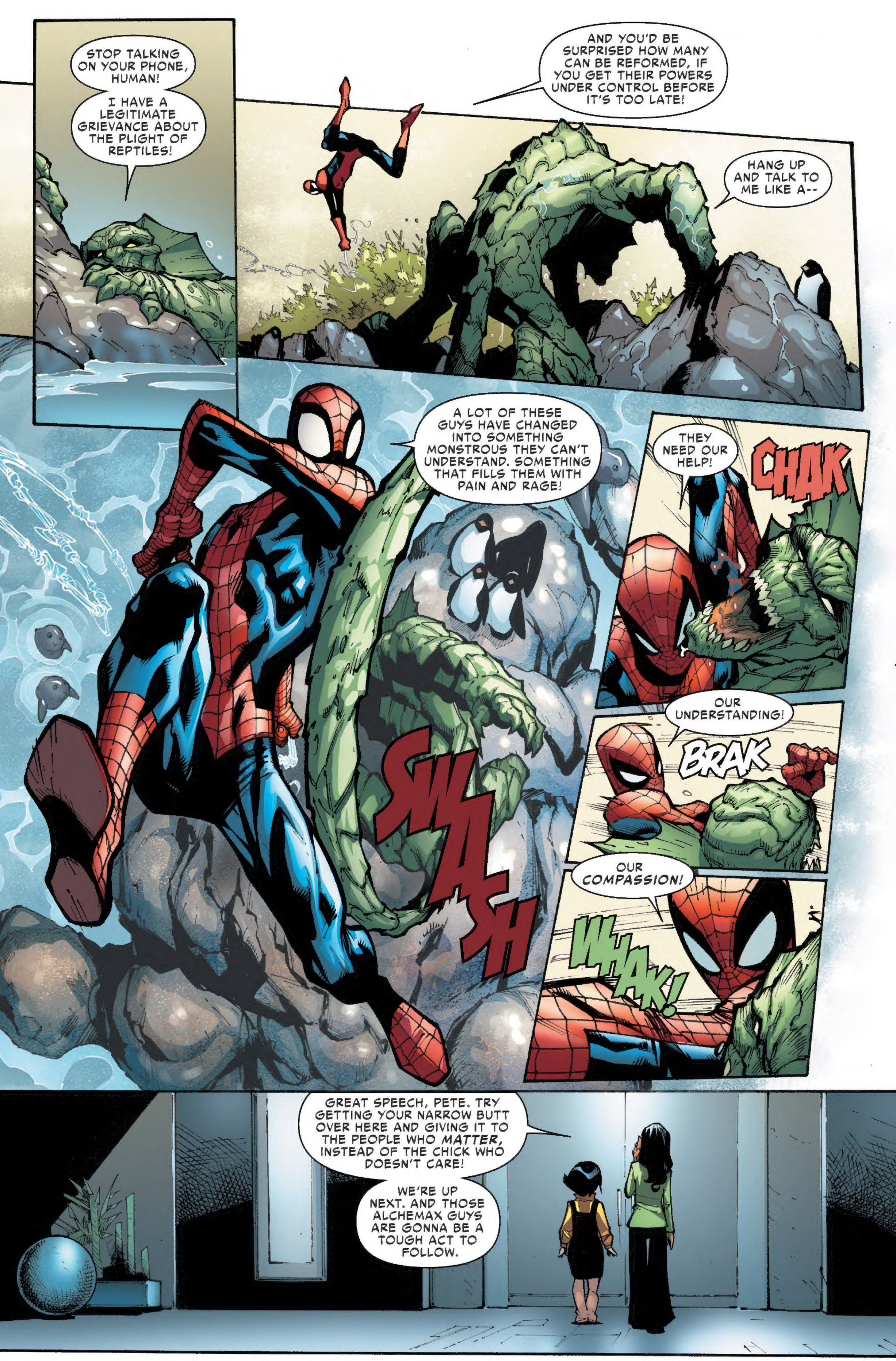
WAIT!

SOMETIMES THAT'S THE PRICE I PAY. I CAN'T HELP IT. I MEAN, I'M SPI--

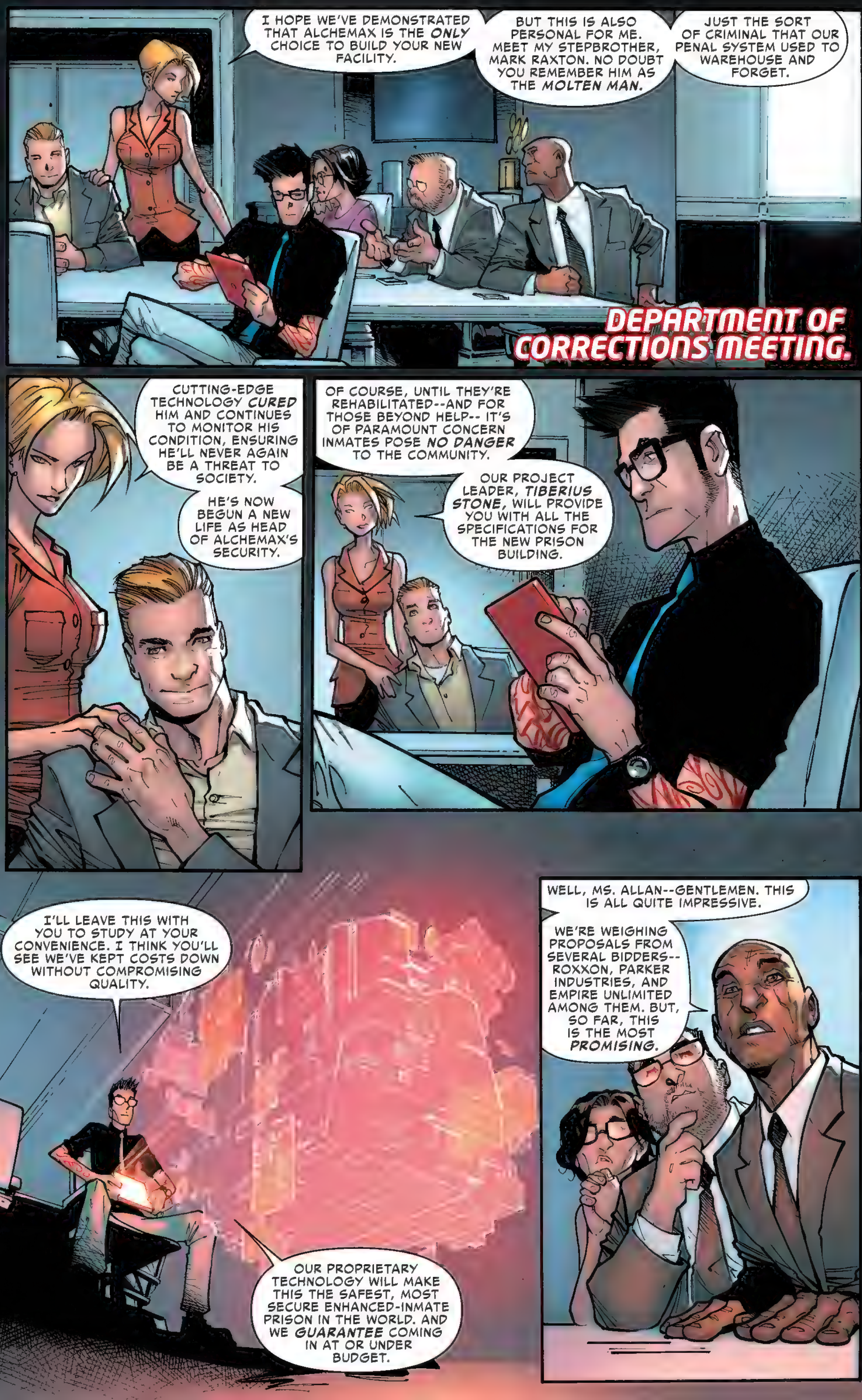
PARKER!

WHERE ARE YOU?!
SAJANI?! UH...
BROKK
I'M SPY-ING A CAB RIGHT NOW. BE THERE IN A JIFF!
KRBRNCH
IF I'M LATE, JUST VAMP FOR A FEW--
UH-UH. YOU ARE NOT DOING THIS TO ME AGAIN!
GOING FOR THIS PRISON CONTRACT WAS YOUR BIG IDEA! I WANTED TO PURSUE OUR NANOTECH PROGRAM.
BUT NOOO! BLEEDING-HEART PETE INSISTED WE MAKE A NEW HIGH-TECH PRISON THAT CURES AND REFORMS SUPER-CRIMINALS!
NO WAY AM I GOING IN THERE AND PITCHING A PROJECT I DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IN!

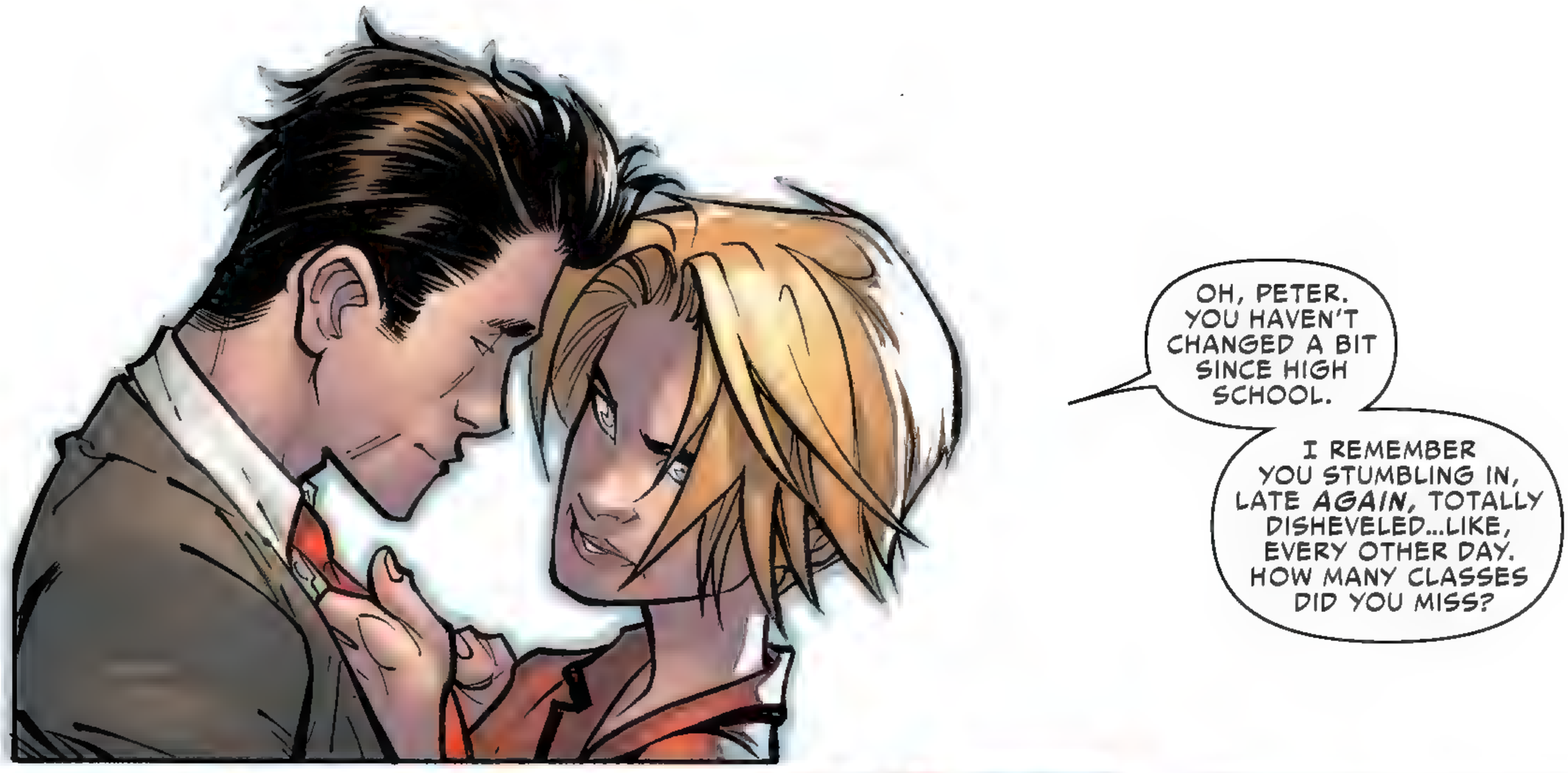
LOOK, I'M SORRY--
NO, Y'KNOW WHAT? I'M SORRY I'M LATE, BUT I'M SICK OF APOLOGIZING ABOUT THE PROJECT!
WHOK!
GFF!
YOU SAW WHAT THE GREEN GOBLIN AND HIS GOONS DID TO THIS CITY! AND ELECTRO, WHEN HIS POWERS SURGED OUT OF CONTROL!
HSSAAA!
WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HOLD THESE GUYS...AND MORE! NOT JUST SWEEP THE PROBLEM UNDER THE RUG, BUT SOLVE IT!
EVEN THE WORST--IF YOU CURE THEM, TAKE AWAY THEIR POWERS, THEY'RE NOWHERE NEAR THE THREAT THEY USED TO BE.
SPLASH


STOP TALKING ON YOUR PHONE, HUMAN!
I HAVE A LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCE ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF REPTILES!
AND YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MANY CAN BE REFORMED, IF YOU GET THEIR POWERS UNDER CONTROL BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
HANG UP AND TALK TO ME LIKE A--
A LOT OF THESE GUYS HAVE CHANGED INTO SOMETHING MONSTROUS THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND. SOMETHING THAT FILLS THEM WITH PAIN AND RAGE!
SWASH
THEY NEED OUR HELP!
CHAK
OUR UNDERSTANDING!
BRAK
OUR COMPASSION!
WHAK!
GREAT SPEECH, PETE. TRY GETTING YOUR NARROW BUTT OVER HERE AND GIVING IT TO THE PEOPLE WHO *MATTER*, INSTEAD OF THE CHICK WHO DOESN'T CARE!
WE'RE UP NEXT. AND THOSE ALCHEMAX GUYS ARE GONNA BE A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW.

ALCHEMAX?!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
SHE MEANT THAT AS A DRESSING DOWN, NOT A PEP TALK, BUT SAJANI GOT ME OVER MY ENERGY SLUMP.
GOTTA GET TO THE MEETING AND NAIL IT. THIS CYCLE OF TAKING DOWN GUYS LIKE IGUANA, SENDING THEM TO JAIL, AND HAVING THEM BREAK OUT TO DO IT ALL AGAIN...
...IT JUST ISN'T GONNA WORK. IN FACT, THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK OF THAT'S WORSE THAN THE STATUS QUO...
...IS A COMPANY AS SKETCHY AS ALCHEMAX BEING IN CHARGE OF IT ALL!

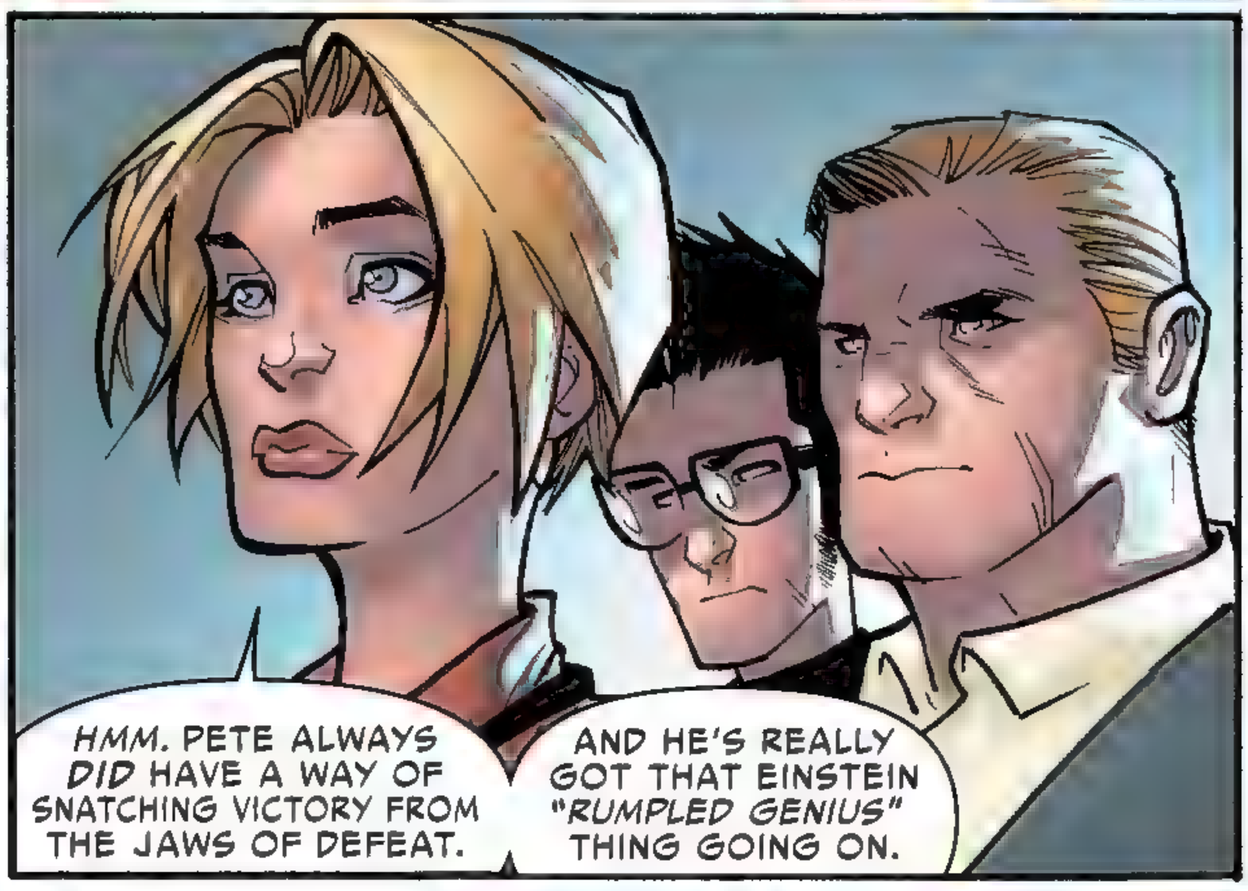

I HOPE WE'VE DEMONSTRATED THAT ALCHEMAX IS THE *ONLY* CHOICE TO BUILD YOUR NEW FACILITY.
BUT THIS IS ALSO PERSONAL FOR ME. MEET MY STEPBROTHER, MARK RAXTON. NO DOUBT YOU REMEMBER HIM AS THE *MOLTEN MAN.*
JUST THE SORT OF CRIMINAL THAT OUR PENAL SYSTEM USED TO WAREHOUSE AND FORGET.
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MEETING.
CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY *CURED* HIM AND CONTINUES TO MONITOR HIS CONDITION, ENSURING HE'LL NEVER AGAIN BE A THREAT TO SOCIETY.
HE'S NOW BEGUN A NEW LIFE AS HEAD OF ALCHEMAX'S SECURITY.
OF COURSE, UNTIL THEY'RE REHABILITATED--AND FOR THOSE BEYOND HELP-- IT'S OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN INMATES POSE *NO DANGER* TO THE COMMUNITY.
OUR PROJECT LEADER, *TIBERIUS STONE,* WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NEW PRISON BUILDING.
I'LL LEAVE THIS WITH YOU TO STUDY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. I THINK YOU'LL SEE WE'VE KEPT COSTS DOWN WITHOUT COMPROMISING QUALITY.
OUR PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY WILL MAKE THIS THE SAFEST, MOST SECURE ENHANCED-INMATE PRISON IN THE WORLD. AND WE *GUARANTEE* COMING IN AT OR UNDER BUDGET.
WELL, MS. ALLAN--GENTLEMEN. THIS IS ALL QUITE IMPRESSIVE.
WE'RE WEIGHING PROPOSALS FROM SEVERAL BIDDERS-- ROXXON, PARKER INDUSTRIES, AND EMPIRE UNLIMITED AMONG THEM. BUT, SO FAR, THIS IS THE MOST *PROMISING.*

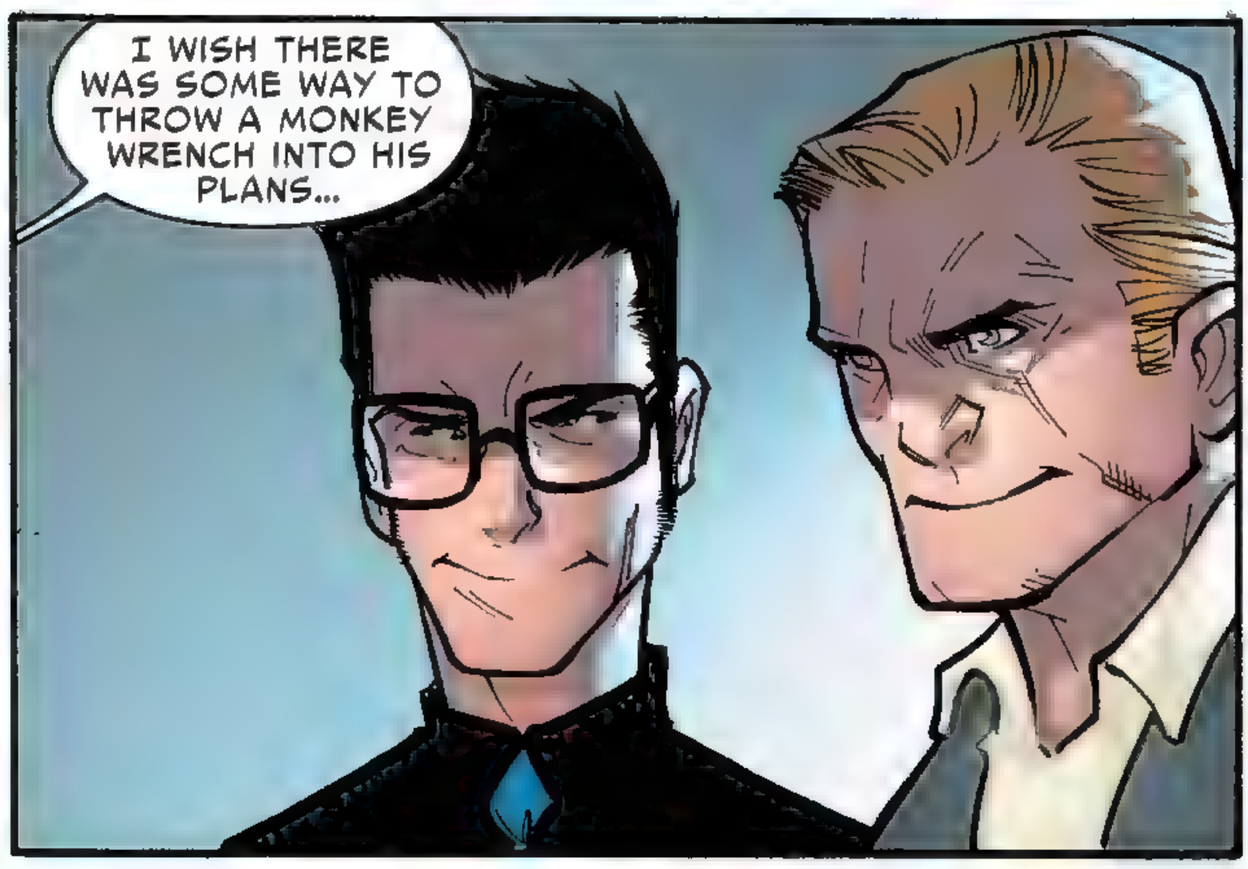
ALL YOURS, GUYS. MY ADVICE? PLAY THE "FEISTY STARTUP" ANGLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH. YOU'RE JUST NOT GONNA COMPETE WITH FIRMS LIKE US AND ROXXON ON THE MERITS.
RIGHT, I'M SURE THE CITY CAN'T WAIT TO GIVE A SECURITY CONTRACT TO A COMPANY THAT DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS EMPLOYING THE GREEN GOBLIN FOR MONTHS.
THAT'S RICH, COMING FROM AN OUTFIT WHOSE FOUNDER COULDN'T BE BOTHERED TO SHOW UP.
LET'S PLAY "WHERE'S PARKER," SHALL WE? I'M GONNA GUESS...IN LINE FOR THE NEW STARKPAD? NO, TOO GROWN-UP. GOT IT! THE BALL PIT AT P.J.'S PIZZA! OR MAYBE--
HERE!
I'M RIGHT HERE. JUST IN TIME. SEE? NOTHING AT ALL TO WORRY ABOUT.
WE'RE THE VERY PICTURE OF A SERIOUS, PROFESSIONAL COMPANY.


OH, PETER. YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT SINCE HIGH SCHOOL.
I REMEMBER YOU STUMBLING IN, LATE *AGAIN*, TOTALLY DISHEVELED...LIKE, EVERY OTHER DAY. HOW MANY CLASSES DID YOU MISS?

A LOT. BUT I WAS STILL VALEDICTORIAN, REMEMBER *THAT?* THE WORK SPOKE FOR ITSELF.
JUST WATCH. I'LL PULL THIS ONE OFF TOO. WINNER OWES THE LOSER A MUFFIN BASKET!

PARKER INDUSTRIES, WE'RE READY FOR YOU.
TAKE CARE, LIZ!
I'M PARTIAL TO BLUEBERRY, FYI.


HMM. PETE ALWAYS *DID* HAVE A WAY OF SNATCHING VICTORY FROM THE JAWS OF DEFEAT.
AND HE'S REALLY GOT THAT EINSTEIN *"RUMPLED GENIUS"* THING GOING ON.


I WISH THERE WAS SOME WAY TO THROW A MONKEY WRENCH INTO HIS PLANS...

LATER...

YOU'RE SURE THESE PEOPLE CAN BE TRUSTED? THE LAST THING WE NEED IS A LOOSE CANNON, LIKE...WELL, LIKE *YOU* WERE, RAXTON.

RELAX. I MAY KNOW SOME OF THESE GUYS FROM THE JOINT, BUT THEY'RE PROFESSIONALS. THE MAN WE'RE MEETING, THIS IS HIS *SPECIALTY.*

HEY, BOSS, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THIS LOSER?

BACK ROOM. BUSINESS HAPPENS IN THE BACK ROOM, YOU KNOW THAT.

THE FLOOR IS FOR FUN. SO GAMBLE, DRINK, AND BE MERRY, EVERYONE, BUT BEHAVE.

UNLESS *YOU* WANT TO SEE THE BACK ROOM.

YOUR FEE...AND THERE'LL BE ANOTHER CASE JUST LIKE THIS WHEN THE JOB'S DONE. THE TARGET'S PARKER INDUSTRIES.

YOU WANT ME TO STEAL PLANS? SABOTAGE A PROJECT? I'M QUITE ACCOMPLISHED AT THAT.

I DON'T THINK IT'S BOASTING TO SAY NO ONE CAN TOUCH ME.

WE'RE AFTER A LITTLE MORE. WE WANT PARKER OUT OF BUSINESS... ***PERMANENTLY.*** YOU FOLLOW ME?

NOT A PROBLEM. YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY...
...PARKER INDUSTRIES DOESN'T STAND A GHOST OF A CHANCE.
TO BE CONTINUED!

THE SLIDE-AWAY CASINO.
THE BACK ROOM.
LOOK AROUND YOU. A LIFESTYLE LIKE THIS DOESN'T COME CHEAP.
AND EVEN THE BLACK CAT CAN'T STEAL EVERYTHING.
ALTHOUGH IT'S DEFINITELY FUN TO TRY.
NO, SOMETIMES I NEED TO PAY A FENCE. OUTBID ONE OF THOSE SNOOTY EUROPEANS, LIKE COUNT NEFARIA. SO TELL ME, HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DO THAT...
BLACK CAT
IN
"REPOSSESSION"
PART 1 OF 3:
"Stolen Memories"

...WHEN NOBODIES LIKE THE RINGER TRY TO SHORTCHANGE ME ON MY WEEKLY CUT?
YOU WANT ME TO MELT HIS FACE OFF, BOSS?
...P-PLEASE...
I--I GOT PINCHED BY THAT NEW SPIDER-CHICK, SILK...I OWE THE SPOT FIFTY LARGE FOR BUSTING ME OUT.
HADDA PAY THE TINKERER FOR NEW GEAR. SO, YEAH, I SKIMMED...BUT IT WAS JUST SO I COULD GET WHAT I NEEDED TO EARN.
AND YOUR INCOMPETENCE IS MY PROBLEM HOW?
I'M BEGGIN' YA! I KNOW EVERYONE SAYS YOU'VE GONE HARD. LIKE YOU'RE A NEW PERSON. NO MERCY, NO SECOND CHANCES.
BUT WE WORKED TOGETHER BEFORE ON A FEW JOBS. THIS AIN'T YOU.
THE BLACK CAT EVERYBODY USED TO KNOW HAD A HEART.
AND I'M BEGGIN' HER... PLEASE...FOR MERCY...
I...I...

SUCKERS!
LOOK OUT!
CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FELL FOR THAT! IT'S MY...
...LUCKY...
SPANG
...DAY.
AGH!
SLIKT
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT IS YOUR LUCKY DAY.
H-HOW-- UNGK!
YOU'RE GOING RIGHT BACK OUT TO EARN SO YOU CAN BRING ME TRIPLE THE USUAL CUT. AND YOU'LL SERVE ANOTHER VALUABLE PURPOSE, TOO.
KILLER SHRIKE, MELTER...MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IDIOT. SO EVERYONE WHO LAYS EYES ON HIM KNOWS...

...YOU DON'T CROSS THE BLACK CAT.
OUR PLEASURE, BOSS.
SHZZZ

GGAAAAIIEEE!
CAN'T BELIEVE HE TAGGED ME. I'M USUALLY NOT THAT UNLUCKY. UNLESS...THAT *WAS* LUCKY. TO REMIND ME WHO I AM NOW.

WELL, THERE'S AN EASY WAY TO FIND OUT. THE REASON I SET UP SHOP IN A CASINO: I NEVER HAVE TO GO FAR...

...TO TEST MY LUCK.
CHUNG
WHIRRRR

NOTICED SOMETHING LATELY. THE HARDER I AM--THE MORE I LISTEN TO THE PART OF ME THAT SAYS NOT TO LET ANYONE OR ANYTHING *EVER* PUT ME DOWN AGAIN--

--THE MORE MY LUCK POWERS GO OFF THE CHARTS.
DING DING DING

HAD TO LEARN THAT THE HARD WAY. HIT ROCK BOTTOM. LOSE MY OLD LIFE...

OH, FELICIA, YOUR COLLECTION IS DIVINE!

...AND EVERYTHING IN IT.

NOT JUST THE MONEY. THE FRIENDS. THE PARTIES. THE ACCEPTANCE INTO A SOCIETY THAT ALWAYS USED TO TURN UP ITS NOSE AT A SECOND-STORY CROOK AND HIS LITTLE GIRL.

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T HAVE IT ALL?

UGH.

IT'S ALL GONE NOW. I'VE FILLED THIS OFFICE WITH...STUFF. EXPENSIVE STUFF, SURE...

...BUT NOT WHAT I HAD. NOT WHAT I *LOST*.

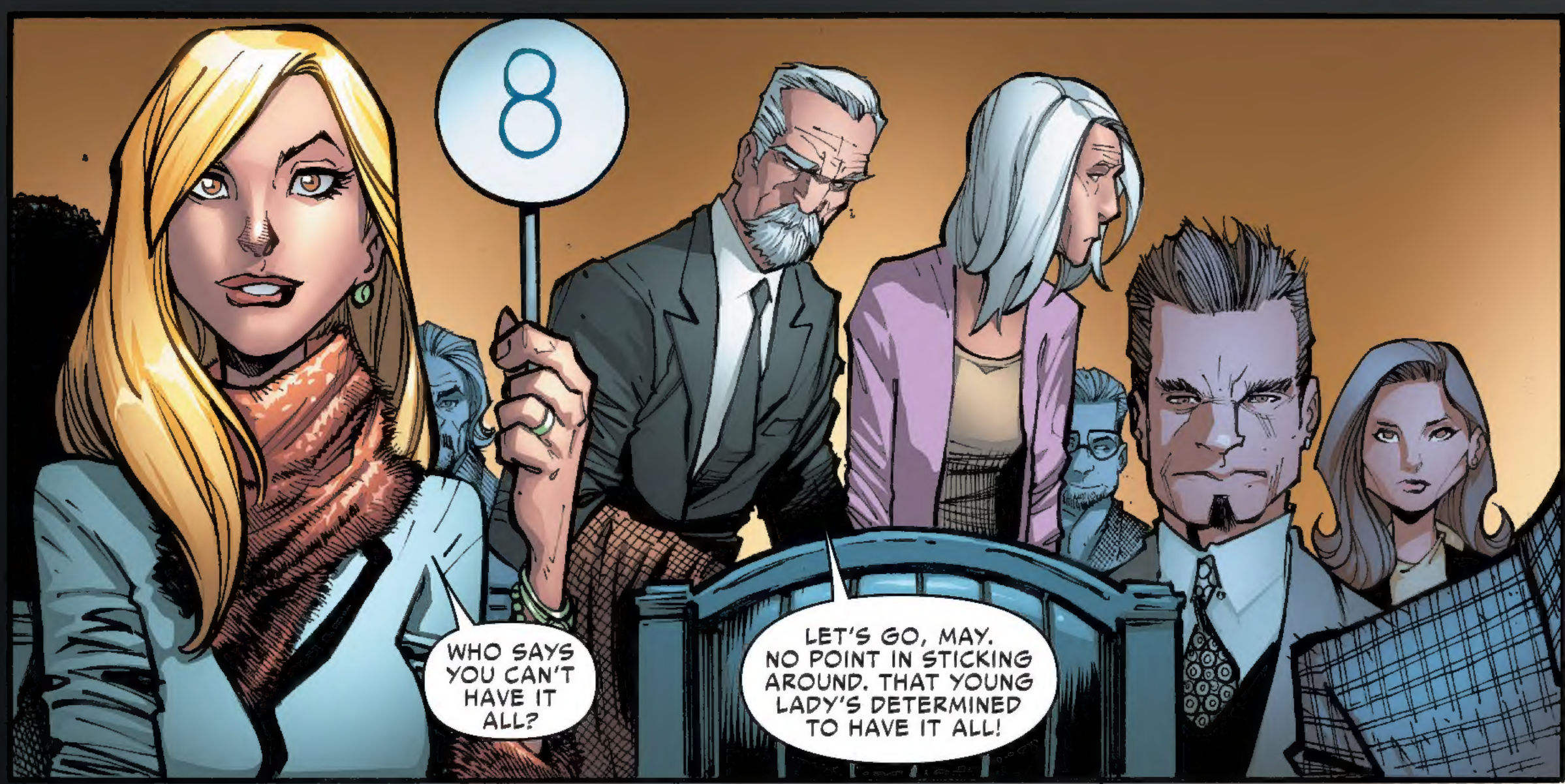
EVERYTHING!

A COLLECTION I WORKED A *LIFETIME* TO POSSESS!

SKRAASSHH

YOU REMEMBER THIS, LOSER. AND SPREAD THE WORD.

NO ONE TAKES WHAT'S MINE!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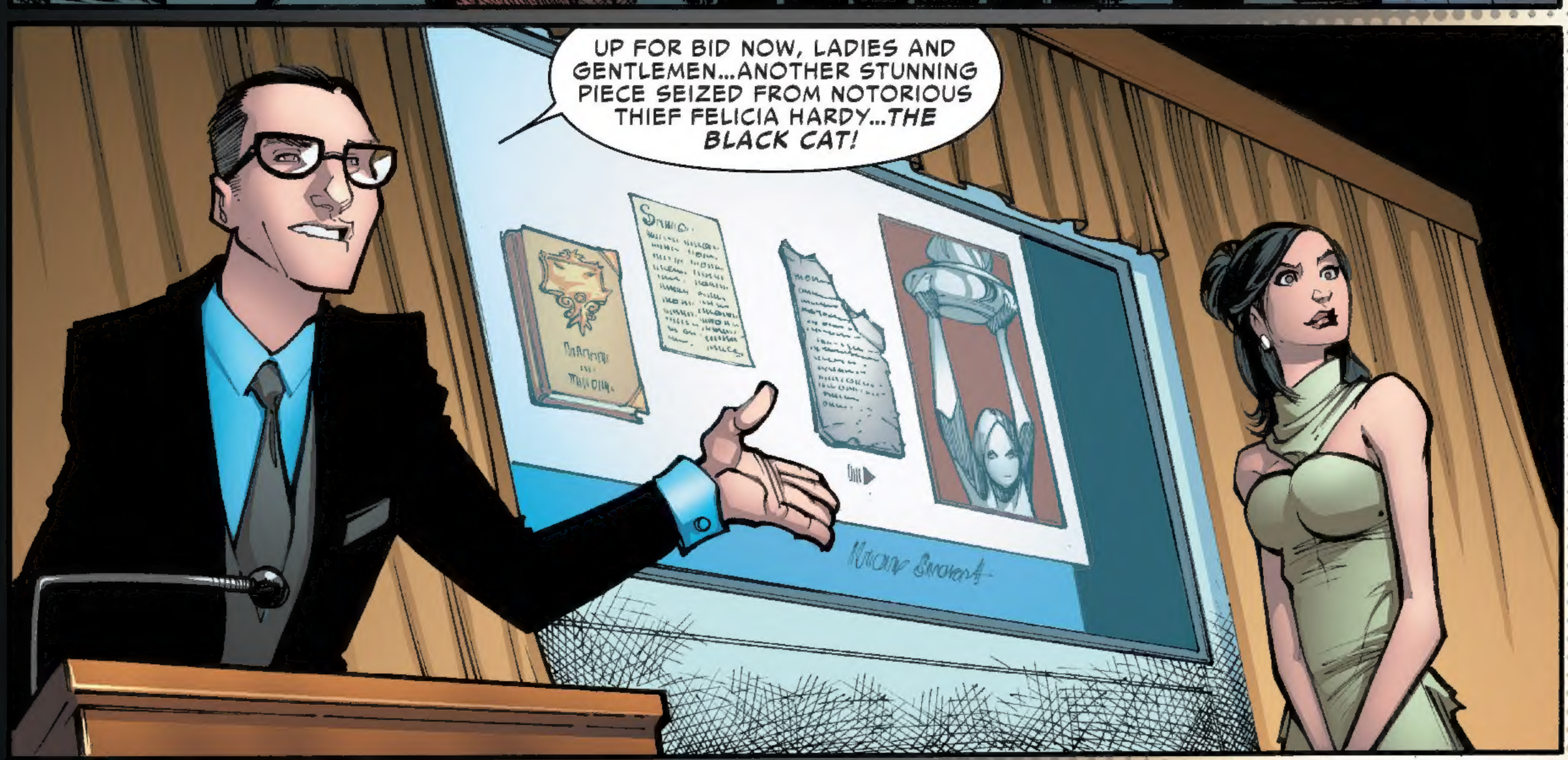
WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T HAVE IT ALL?
LET'S GO, MAY. NO POINT IN STICKING AROUND. THAT YOUNG LADY'S DETERMINED TO HAVE IT ALL!


UP FOR BID NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...ANOTHER STUNNING PIECE SEIZED FROM NOTORIOUS THIEF FELICIA HARDY...*THE BLACK CAT!*

MINE.
PUT IT WITH THE REST.
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I'M THE BLACK CAT. THE GREATEST THIEF OF ALL TIME. THERE'S *NOTHING* YOU CAN TAKE FROM ME... THAT I CAN'T GET BACK.
AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO NOW.
I'M GOING TO *STEAL MY LIFE BACK. EVERY LAST BIT OF IT.*
TO BE CONTINUED!

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